

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application     ) Application No. C-3497  
of Alltel Communications of         )  
Nebraska, Inc., Little Rock,        ) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER  
Arkansas, seeking designation as    )  
an Eligible Telecommunications       )  
Carrier Pursuant to Section         )  
214(e)(2) of the Communications     ) Entered: December 8, 2005  
Act of 1934.                         )

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On October 28, 2005 an application was filed by Alltel Communications of Nebraska, Inc., Little Rock, Arkansas, seeking a designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier under 47 U.S.C. Section 214(e)(2) of the Communications Act of 1934. Protests and interventions were timely filed by the Rural Telephone Coalition of Nebraska (RTCN)<sup>1</sup> and the Rural Independent Companies (RIC)<sup>2</sup> on November 28, 2005. A petition of informal intervention was filed by N. E. Colorado Cellular, Inc., d/b/a Viaero Wireless on November 18, 2005. The Petitions of Formal Intervention and Informal Intervention will be granted by the Hearing Officer.

The service list for this proceeding is as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> RTCN is comprised of the following companies: Arapahoe Telephone Company d/b/a ATC Communications, Benkelman Telephone Company, Inc., Cozad Telephone Company, Curtis Telephone Company, Diller Telephone Company, Glenwood Telephone Membership Corporation, Hartman Telephone Exchanges Inc., Keystone-Arthur Telephone Company, Mainstay Communications and Wauneta Telephone Company. See Protest of RTCN and RIC (filed November 28, 2005) at 1, n.1.

<sup>2</sup> RIC is comprised of the following companies: Arlington Telephone Company, Blair Telephone Company, Cambridge Telephone Co, Clarks Telecommunications Co., Consolidated Telco, Inc. Consolidated Telcom, Inc. Consolidated Telephone Company, Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company, Great Plains Communications, Inc., Hamilton Telephone Company, Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc., Hershey Cooperative Telephone Company, K & M Telephone Company, Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Northeast Nebraska Central Telephone Company, Rock County Telephone Company, Stanton Telephone Co., Inc. and Three River Telco. See *Id.*

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Any changes to the service list must be filed in writing with the Nebraska Public Service Commission at 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

On December 7, 2005, the Commission held a planning conference in this proceeding. Appearances were entered by counsel described above. At the planning conference the following schedule was agreed to by the Commission and the parties:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Discovery to be served	December 19, 2005
Discovery objections served	December 23, 2005
Oral Argument on discovery objections	January 3, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room
Responses to discovery (except those objected to) served	January 6, 2006
Responses to all discovery objected to but overruled served	January 13, 2006
Prefiled direct testimony served	January 24, 2006
Prefiled rebuttal testimony served	January 31, 2006

Service shall be sent via electronic mail to counsel on the service list and followed with paper copies.

The hearing on this application will be held on February 6, 2006, commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium Building, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. If

necessary, the hearing will continue on February 7, 2006, commencing at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

An outside court reporter will be provided by applicant. The deadline for the submission of proposed orders will be determined immediately following the hearing.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the procedural schedule set forth herein shall be, and it is hereby, adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing on this application shall be set for February 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Hearing Room. The hearing will continue on February 7, 2006, if necessary, at 1:30 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of December, 2005.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Frank E. Landis  
Hearing Officer